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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AMCIT RELATIVE OF ALEKSANDR PODRABINEK

1. PROF. DAVID SHIMAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT, WHO REPRESENTS A SIZEABLE GROUP OF AMERICAN CITIZENS CLAIMING A FAMILY RELATIONSHIP WITH ALEKSANDR PODRABINEK, PLANS TO VISIT MOSCOW FROM APRIL 8 THROUGH APRIL 16. SHIMAN, WHO HAS OBTAINED A SOVIET TOURIST VISA, WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THE PODRABINEK FAMILY AND ASSURE THEM OF THE SUPPORT OF THEIR AMERICAN RELATIVES AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO URGE THEM TO LEAVE THE SOVIET UNION. SHIMAN IS WELL AWARE OF ALEKSANDR PODRABINEK'S REFUSAL TO APPLY FOR EXIT PERMISSION AND HIS BROTHER KIRIL'S HAVING BEEN SENTENCED TO LABOR CAMP. SHIMAN HOPES TO AT LEAST GATHER MATERIAL TO PUBLICIZE FAMILY'S SITUATION BECAUSE OF ALEKSANDR'S ACTIVISM.

2. EUR/SOV HAS CAUTIONED SHIMAN THAT HIS TRIP MAY BE WASTED, ESPECIALLY SINCE PRODRABINEK'S FAMILY APPARENTLY LIVES IN
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ELEKTROSTAL (MOSCOW OBLAST), A CLOSED AREA. DESK OFFICERS ALSO TOLD SHIMAN EMBASSY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO OFFER MUCH ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING THE PODRABINEKS. REQUEST, HOWEVER, THAT EMBASSY RENDER WHAT HELP IT CAN.

3. FOR LONDON. SHIMAN PLANS TO VISIT MR. CLAYTON YEO, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S RESEARCHER ON SOVIET POLITICAL

PRISONERS, EN ROUTE TO MOSCOW. SHIMAN WILL BE IN LONDON
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